



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of: **NAKAGAWA, Yoshiki et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1714

Serial No.: **09/889,571**

Examiner: **ZALUKAEVA**

Filed: **April 23, 2002**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 1695

For: **POLYMER, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE POLYMER AND CURABLE COMPOSITION CONTAINING THE POLYMER**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: January 31, 2003

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **December 31, 2002**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-18; and Group (II), Claims 19-20; Group (III), Claims 21-25; Group (IV), Claims 26-44; Group (V), Claims 45, 46; and Group (VI), Claims 47-51.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-18 for prosecution in this application.

In addition, the Action requires an election of species. Applicants elect the following:

- a. A functional group of compound (I); a terminal alkenyl group
- b. A compound (I); 4-vinylcyclohexene.

Claims 1-18 read on the elected species.

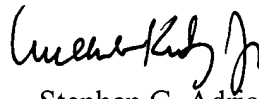
This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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